

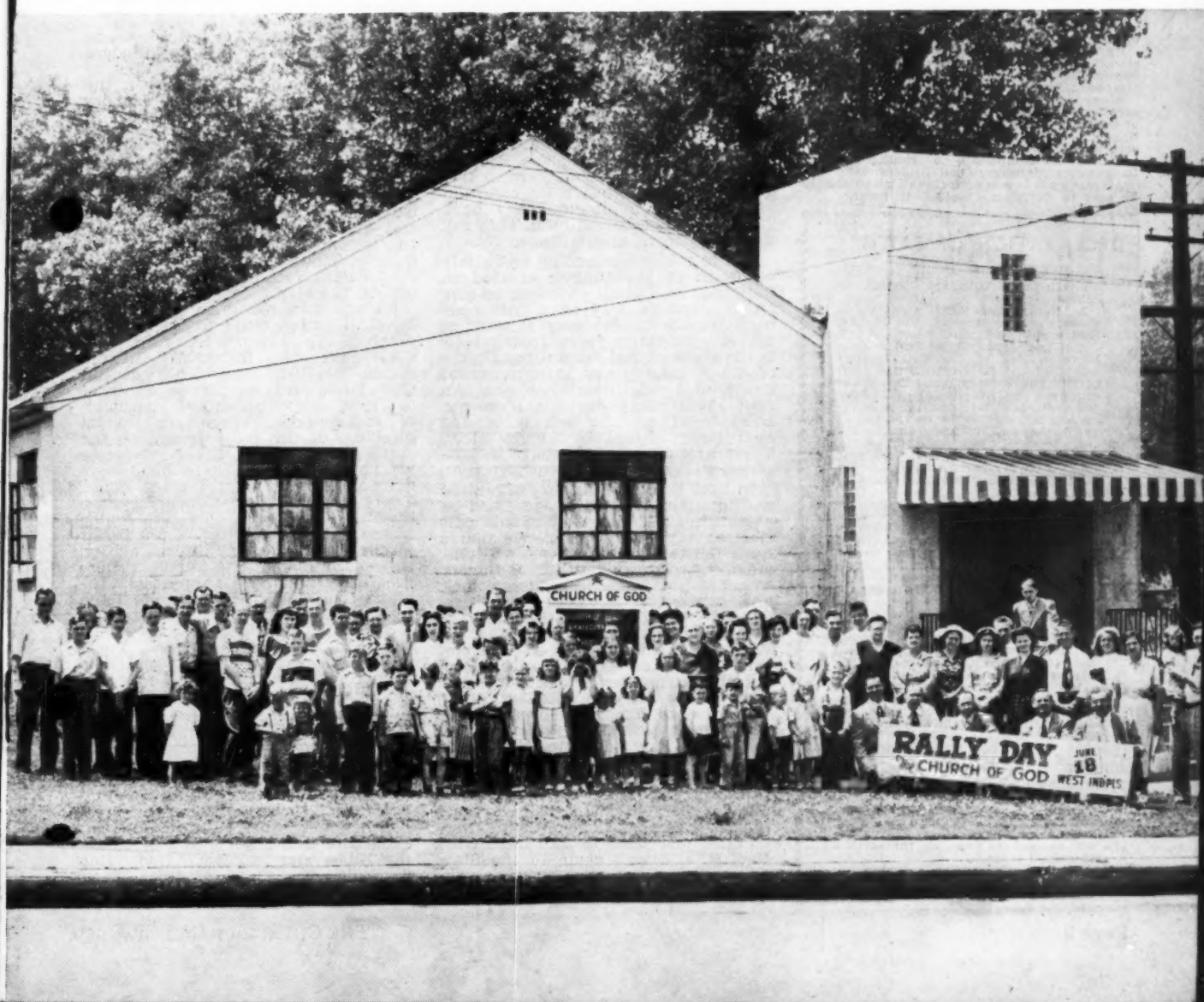
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2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

COVER PICTURE

History of the Church of God in Indiana

For some cause it has been hard for the Church of God to become established in the State of Indiana. In the year of 1920, the Rev. C. H. Standifer came to Shelburn and started a work. God blessed his efforts, and many were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. In 1927, Rev. J. L. Goins, who was overseer of Indiana at that time, went to Shelburn and organized the church. There was a church organized at Coalmont, also, that same year, with the Rev. Fred Puckett as pastor.

In the fall of 1929, Reverend Standifer was appointed state overseer. He served in that office until 1938, with the exception of one year, when the Rev. W. M. Morrow was overseer. I will say, from my own personal knowledge, that the Church prospered under the leadership of Brother Standifer. One prominent Assembly of God preacher said at the time, "If you want to be in a good spiritual meeting, go to Shelburn." Of course, the revival spirit was sweeping over southern Indiana in all the Pentecostal assemblies, which contributed to the growth of the Church of God in a great way. Yet, all was not smooth sailing. The Church was fiercely persecuted, but God's people lifted up their heads and rejoiced. In a revival meeting at one place Brother Standifer said, "Someone here in this town has paid Brother Puckett and me a great compliment. They have likened us to Peter and John. They say we are ignorant and unlearned."

Due to misunderstanding as to date of origin of the Church of God in Indianapolis, I shall endeavor to give an explanation, as I have been connected with the Pentecostal work in this city for thirty years. Indianapolis is the state capital, with a population of about 425,000, and is a center of Pentecostal activities. Here you can find about every doctrine man can conceive. There are some like the children of Israel in Judges 21:25. There are others who believe in government if they can be the governor.

In 1933, Brother Standifer organized a Church of God with Joe Land as pastor. In 1935, the writer of this article was appointed pastor. We had a hard fight for a while, but with the aid of my wife, the Rev. Lula B. Silvers, who has now gone on to her reward, and others, we organized the first Ladies' Willing Workers' Band in the State. We organized a Y.P.E., also. We tried to promote the teachings of the Church of God in every way, but the enemy never wants to see a work prosper. In 1936, the Rev. W. M. Morrow was our state overseer. He conducted a revival for us and several were saved and added to the church. The Rev. R. H. Tadlock, recently deceased, was with us in a revival, also the Revs. T. P. Douglas, H. W. Poteat, and L. G. Rouse. In 1937, Brother Standifer came back as our state overseer for one year. In 1938, when the Rev. R. J. Staats came to the State as overseer, there were eleven organized churches. He served two years.

In 1940, the Rev. Clyde C. Cox was appointed overseer. The church at Indianapolis was at a low ebb, and he disbanded it. In 1941, the Rev. H. R. Corley was our state leader.

In the fall of 1942, the Rev. C. M. Jinkerson came to the State. He bought a dwelling with a storeroom attached and opened up meetings. He brought the members that had been moved to New Castle back to Indianapolis. In September of that year, the Rev. E. C. Swenson was appointed pastor, and we began to move along again for God. In 1944, the Rev. G. W. Lane came to the State as overseer. The Indianapolis Church was in a tent meeting at the time, Nona Dame being the evangelist. God was meeting with us in a wonderful way. We purchased a lot with a dwelling on it, which is the parsonage at the present time, and began to plan a building. M. P. Akins, Howard Lipham, Gene Varnell, and Ralph Wiseman were in military service in the various camps in and around the city. They came in to the services and were a great help in getting the work established.

In 1946, the Rev. C. C. Rains came as our overseer, and the Rev. R. C. Hodges became our pastor. In the spring of 1948, we actually began to see the building started on our lot. Brother Hodges worked hard all summer. In September of that year, the Rev. Paul Norris came to us as pastor. Under his leadership the church building was completed, of which we are justly proud. The church is at a high spiritual level, with men and women, boys and girls receiving salvation in the regular meeting. (See Church and Sunday School group on front cover. Pastor Paul Norris is fourth from left, behind the sign.)

No one man has done all this. We have all had a mind to work. "Paul planted, Apollos watered, and God gave the increase." In the spring of 1947, the Church in the State purchased a tract of land seven miles southwest of Indianapolis. There are several dwellings on this property, besides the state parsonage. In the three years we have owned it, there have been quite a number of improvements made. There have been four wonderful camp meetings held here. The total value of the state property is \$233,000. Other property owned by the Church of God in Indiana amounts to \$229,000. There are thirty organized churches in Indiana. The Church of God in Indiana is still in the mission stage. There is a wide field in which to work. Truly the field is white to harvest. There is room for good workers, men and women with a vision. Pray for us that God may bless us and prosper our efforts.—Logan Silvers, 1133 South Pershing, Indianapolis, Ind.

Learning How to Pray.—Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all (1 Tim. 4:15). A converted heathen man once said, "I open my Bible and God talks with me; I close my Bible, and talk with God." How much do you know of this?—From Gospel Herald.

With Thanksgiving Let Your Requests Be Known Unto God

Philippians 4:6

By REV. EARL P. PAULK, State Overseer of North Carolina

God has blessed and permitted us to live to see another season of thanksgiving, and each of us, as individuals, families, communities, states, and the entire nation, should give thanks unto God for the WONDERFUL BLESSINGS AND PROTECTION SHOWN UNTO US. There are so many things for which to be grateful. We should be thankful that we have not had a national epidemic to take our people away by the thousands. We should be thankful because we have not had a famine, but rather God has satisfied our mouths with good things. He has permitted us to live in a land of plenty, so much so that we have been able to store away food in large quantities. I am ashamed that we do not know how to be thankful as we should. If once we had to go through a national famine and have our children look up to us and cry for bread and none to be had (how dreadful this thought!), then, possibly, we would look back to times like this, and say, "O God, forgive us for our ingratitude."

Indeed, we should be thankful that our shores have not as yet been invaded by the enemy, and our homes have not been torn to pieces with bombs. **IT MAKES ME TREMBLE TO THINK THAT THIS IS POSSIBLE.** How dreadful the thought! **AND HOW THANKFUL WE SHOULD BE THAT IT HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE AS YET!** After all, we must depend on God for everything that is good. James 1:17, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." Our great God is so generous that He sends the rain upon the unjust as well as the just. He does not turn the showers away from the unjust, though he is ungrateful. It is true that the goodness and blessings of God should lead the unjust to repentance and cause the just to give thanks unto Him. As the apostle Paul said to the Athenians, in Acts 17:28, "For in him (God) we live, and move, and have our being," we subsist in and through Him. As David of old said, in Psalm 34:1, "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praises shall continually be in my mouth," we should bless this our wonderful God and give thanks unto Him continually.

Gratitude

God certainly expects us to be grateful unto Him and not to forget His benefits as we are so prone to do. No doubt, this was why David was inspired to write as he did in

Psalm 103:1-5, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." We note here that he was so overwhelmed with gratitude that he said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless his holy name," and he exhorts himself not to forget all God's benefits. Who, he said, hath forgiven our iniquities, Who healeth all our diseases, Who redeemeth our lives from destruction, and Who crowneth us with lovingkindness and tender mercies, and filleth our mouths with good things so that our strength is renewed like that of an eagle. But oh, the ingratitude that we can see everywhere in every place! In the restaurants, very, very seldom do we see anyone bowing his head in reverence before God, the Giver of good things, to thank Him for the food. Not only is this true in restaurants, but also in the American homes. Very few people give thanks at the beginning of a meal. Too, we should gather on our knees around the family altar to give thanks to God for His blessings and manifold benefits. It is simply sinful to forget God and His many blessings. The Bible says, in Psalm 9:17, that **ALL NATIONS THAT FORGET GOD SHALL BE TURNED INTO HELL.** This gives us the understanding of God's disapproval of ingratitude. The young are reminded to remember their Creator in the days of their youth. Ecclesiastes 12:1. Our God is a jealous God, and He demands of us attention, grateful and holy reverence, which He certainly deserves because He is our Creator. Not only is He our Creator, but we must continually depend on Him for each breath we take. **WE DO NOT HAVE ONE SINGLE BREATH IN ADVANCE.** They come one by one from His bountiful hand. Every bite of food comes through the kind provision He has made for us; therefore, how eternally grateful we should be unto Him!

Thankfulness Required

As the text in Phil. 4:6 suggests, God expects us to couple thankfulness or thanksgiving with each request. Apostle Paul said, "With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Too often we come before God as beggars. We cry, "Give me, give me, give me," when in reality we should

be found upon our knees with uplifted hands, saying, "THANK YOU, THANK YOU, FOR ALL YOUR BLESSINGS, LORD."

Psalm 37:4, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." If we would praise and thank God for past blessings, God would be pleased to multiply His blessings and give us the desires of our hearts. I believe, with a profound conviction, that if our nation, as a whole, would begin to recognize God, privately and publicly, giving thanks unto Him and bringing our tithes into the storehouse in keeping with His Word, He would do exactly what He said He would do. Malachi 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." The very words "pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it" proves it. I believe He would give us a national revival. But why, oh why, do so many who profess to be Christians never pay a dime of tithes or never give an offering unto God to sponsor His great program for the redemption of fallen humanity? No wonder so many churches feel like a refrigerator when you enter them. There is no warmth, no spirit, no victory, and no souls getting saved, all because they have forgotten to delight themselves in the Lord and to give praise unto His holy name for the multiplicity of blessings from His bountiful hand. Rather, if someone should feel a spirit of thanksgiving and dare to give thanks unto God with an audible voice, many a so-called minister would become frightened at the sound of thanksgiving. But, in reality, it should be a common thing for one to give thanks and praise unto Almighty God. True, redeemed-of-God, old-time, Bible victory will give praise and thanks unto God continually, for it is simply a part of such a nature, because Jesus Christ has enthroned upon the heart. He was always found giving thanks to His Father. As the apostle Paul said, in Gal. 2:20, it was not he that lived, but Christ that lived in him, and through Christ Jesus he was always giving thanks.

May God help each of us to be more thankful in the future than at any time in the past. Let us be thankful and bless the name of our God continually for all His benefits extended to us.

Editorials



AN ALL-OUT THANKSGIVING

Although the entire 103d Psalm, consisting of twenty-two rich and wonderful verses, is one gracious expression of gratitude and thanks, I should like to emphasize especially the first five verses. It might be well for us to notice, first, however, that in verses six through ten, David is expressing God's goodness to Israel. Second, from verse eleven to fourteen, he is expressing God's forgiving love. Third, from verse fifteen to eighteen, he points out the brevity of our sojourn on earth and eternity of God's mercy. Last, in verses nineteen through twenty-two, he calls upon the whole universe to praise God.

Now, going back to verses one through five, we find him conversing with his own soul. It is said that a colored man was in the habit of talking to himself, and his master asked him one day why he did it. His answer was, "Well, you see, it's like this, Massa. When I talks to a person I likes to talk to an intelligent person, and when I listens to a person, I likes to listen to an intelligent person." It may, indeed, seem peculiar and almost amusing for a person to talk to his soul, but we who have been following the Lord Jesus for a number of years know that such conversations are not only rich, but inspiring. They are carried on often without even the moving of the lips or the opening of the mouth; carried on without audible sound, yea, through deep and prayerful meditation, and yet the conversation is just as realistic as a conversation between two persons. You remember David said on one occasion, "While I was musing the fire burned." Dr. Watson said David meant that while he put on kindling the fire burned. It pays to throw kindling on the altar of our souls, at times, to get them to burning more with

God's love and compassion, not only to assure our progress with God, but to keep us keenly interested in the lost about us and our brothers and sisters, as well. After all, did you ever consider the fact that there is a close kinship between *think* and *thank*? Thinking people are thankful people. The thinking wives and husbands are thankful to each other for love, kindness, and cooperation. Thinking children are grateful to their parents for their support, their training and tender love to them. No community can be what it should be unless there is thoughtfulness on the part of the citizens toward each other. They must think as neighbors should think of each other, and when they do they will be thankful for every neighborly and kind deed done them.

In these verses, David's remarkable purity of thought, humility, keen sense of sin, and knowledge and respect for God are nowhere else surpassed. To him, God was Judge; God was just; God was merciful, full of loving compassion. This attitude made not only these five verses, but this entire psalm, one of the most choice of the 150. It is one of the especially select psalms, because of its beauty, tenderness, truthfulness, and trustfulness; in fact, its buoyant hopefulness anticipates, though written under the shadow of the Mosaic law and in the old dispensation, the spirit of the New Testament—the Dispensation of Grace.

Now let us notice the all-out soul expression of thanksgiving so wonderfully and beautifully poured out here in these verses. First, he would bless the Lord with all of his soul for all His benefits. Then he undertakes to count them. He gives thanks, first, because God forgiveth all iniquities; then, because God healeth all thy diseases. Now, he reminds his soul that God has redeemed it from destruction. Next, he wants it to know that God has crowned it with loving-kindness; not only that, but has crowned it also with tender mercy. He says to himself, "Now David, you know it is God who has satisfied thy mouth with good things, and because He has done that you have been so renewed that you are like an eagle." How different is his conversation with his soul to that of the man in Luke, the twelfth chapter. That great farmer, you remember, had been prospered by Almighty God to produce a great crop which his old barns could not hold. He made his plans to tear down his old barns and build *big new ones*, and then said to his soul, "Thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." There was not the slightest tendency to thank God for His benefits, and he lost all of his goods and his soul, too; and what a pity! Many are doing the same today.

Paul, the apostle, resounds the philosophy of David in a number of places in his grand writings. I am thinking now especially of his exhortation to the church at Rome, in Rom. 12:1-3. Notice what he says in calling upon those Christians for all-out consecration: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." You remember, the sublime philosophy of the Lord Jesus was, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever loseth his life for my sake and the gospel, the same shall save it." Again, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

You remember on the occasion, when the rich young man had turned away from the Lord Jesus and would not follow Him because the Lord had asked that he first go sell all that he had and give to the poor, that Simon Peter was greatly distressed because Jesus said, "A rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom," and he said, "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee! what shall we have therefore?" The Lord Jesus answered, "Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me,

in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." This grand philosophy drives home the inherent fact that when a person is consecrated to the service of the Lord Jesus, mind, heart, soul, and body, and is giving to him devoted, grateful, and willing service, he will be the recipient of God's blessings in this life and His blessings forever hereafter. All of this is a challenge to all the followers of the Lord Jesus to do just what David was doing in these verses here in this wonderful 103d Psalm (the first verse of which is the center of the Old Testament), and that is to call upon the soul, the mind, the heart, the entire body to give thanks, wholehearted thanks, unreserved thanks, for all—ALL—of God's benefits. Neither should we feel called upon to give thanks unto God our Heavenly Father through Christ Jesus our Lord only on November 23, which is dedicated as a day of thanksgiving, for every day should be a thanksgiving day for the manifold blessings God so richly bestows upon us. Yet, it is my hope that this Thanksgiving will be a day on which more praise, adoration, and thanksgiving will ascend to the throne of God for His wonderful benefits to us as individuals and as a nation than ever before. God bless you, and may every soul bless God for every blessing.

"KNOW YOUR CHURCH" WEEK

To my mind, one of the most important rulings that was passed in the last Assembly was "that a week be set aside to be known as 'Know Your Church Week,' and that all legitimate efforts be concentrated to further inform our own people of our Church, its doctrines and the way it works, and that we concentrate on pushing our publications during this week." Although no certain week was specified by the Assembly, it is expected that each pastor decide on the week that will be most suitable for his church. You will notice that four things in particular are specified to be done during this week. First of all, the week is set aside for the information of our own people; that is, our own Church members. Second, the first point of information as set forth here is concerning doctrines. Third, instructions are to be given as to the way the Church works. And the fourth important thing for consideration during this week is the promotion of our Church publications.

In the first place, this ruling is an admission of the fact that many of our people are not informed as to what the doctrines of the Church are and about the working system of the Church. It is an admission, also, that we can do more toward promoting the circulation of our publications. These admissions are regrettable, yet they are facts, and there is nothing to do but face the facts and improve our condition. Many of our ministers have been fully aware of these facts for some time, yet I feel that our General Overseer should, especially, be commended for having pointed them out time and time again as he has made contacts throughout the Church, and, in fact, I think he is the one who offered this recommendation.

Now that it is a ruling, it is sincerely hoped that it will not be treated lightly, but that every church will be wide awake to carry it out, for certainly it can mean added progress to the Church. To do this will mean diligent, sincere effort. If our people are informed about the Church properly, they will know more about the history of the Church, its origin, its growth, the birth of its various departments and their growth; something about the outstanding pioneers and leaders of the Church, who had much to do with the promotions, changes, developments, and progress of the Church. That is, they will be informed as to *why we are, what we are*, as well as *what it is possible for us to become*. And we should be happy that we can quote reliable statisticians who have said that we are the fastest growing denomination in the world.

Then, we are to better inform our people of the doctrines of the Church. The question is, what are the doctrines of the Church? The doctrines of the Church are the same as they were when the Church was organized. They are

the doctrines as set forth in the New Testament, as well as our *Minutes*. The New Testament has not changed, neither will it change, nor can we ever change and be in harmony with it and God's will. We hold these doctrines precious and dear, and every time we read them, especially as we live up to them, they sparkle like new diamonds and glisten brightly with the grace of God. Read them, think over them, pray over them, love them, hold them close to your heart, and abide by them. They are the arteries and the veins through which strength flows to and through the Church. They constitute our divine decree and spiritual constitution.

Then our publications are to be promoted during this week. Our people are to be made more literature conscious. Reading of good literature is one of the best habits a person ever formed, yet there are hundreds of our members, and too many of our ministers, who read by far too little. The ministers that are in demand must not only pray much, but also read much. Not only that, but a membership that reads much, especially our publications, understands the pastor's reason for his program efforts, as well as the various phases of doctrine, teachings, and government of the general Church that he, of all necessity, will keep before his membership. Notice, it says publications; of course, that means our official Church organ—the *Evangel*, *Lighted Pathway*, Sunday School literature, song books, and *Music Banner*. Along with these it is only natural that the respective state papers will be promoted.

In the light of all these responsibilities, possibilities, and opportunities, we have every reason to hope that the "Know Your Church Week" will be one of the most successful efforts the Church has ever undertaken.

THE LEPER WHO DID NOT RETURN

*"I meant to go back, but well you may guess
I was filled with amazement I cannot express,
To think that after those horrible years,
That passion of loathing and passion of fears,
By sores unendurably eaten, defiled,
My flesh was as smooth as the flesh of a child!
I was drunken with joy, I was crazy with glee,
I scarcely could walk, and I scarcely could see
For the dazzle of sunshine where all had been black;
But I meant to go back, oh, I meant to go back!"*

*"I had thought to return; when my people came out,
There were tears of rejoicing, and laughter, and shout;
They embraced me—for years I had not known a kiss;
Ah! the pressure of lips is an exquisite bliss.
They crowded around me, they filled the whole place;
They looked at my feet and my hands and my face;
My children were there, my glorious wife,
And all the forgotten allurements of life.
My cup was so full I seemed nothing to lack;
But I meant to go back, I meant to go back."*

*"I had started—yes, Luke, I had started—to find
The Healer so mighty, so tender and kind;
But work pressed upon me, my business, you know,
For all these years I was forced to let go;
I had tools to collect, I had orders to get;
I found my poor family burdened with debt;
My time was all with labor and care;
The days went more swiftly than I was aware,
With practical problems I had to attack;
But I meant to go back, oh, I meant to go back."*

*"I never supposed He would wait my return—
Just one out of the ten—and would linger and yearn
As you tell me He did; why, Luke, had I thought,
There is no one on earth I had sooner had sought;
I'd have shown Him my body, all perfect and strong;
I'd have thanked Him and praised Him before that great
throng;
I'd have followed Him daily forever and aye,
Had I thought that He minded my staying away—
He's so great, I'm so little and paltry—alack,
Had I only gone back! Had I only gone back!"*

—SELECTED.



Rev. H. D. Williams

Inasmuch as this subject suggests the giving of thanks to God for all things, it is the opinion of the writer that our lives would be greatly enriched with the grace of God, and the world about would be much more impressed with our testimony, if we were more sincere in our worship and praise to God. Looking now to the fifth chapter of Ephesians, the fourth verse, where the apostle urges holiness in living and wholesomeness in conversation, we find the following admonition, "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient; but rather giving of thanks."

The very able teacher and writer Paul uses a strong argument, "which are not convenient," against three kinds of unbecoming speech.

First, filthiness. This term, when used to qualify a certain type of conversation which is disgusting to the mind and taste of the consecrated believer, is proof of a corrupt heart. The Word of God says, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." I remember, some years back, a minister who found great delight in carrying on conversations that touched the shady side of living, soon backslid. Then I remember the words of the Lord, "Where your heart is there will your treasures be also." It seems that the mind is a receiving set (of things good or bad), the heart a generating plant, the mouth a broadcasting station. You can almost always tell how people live by their conversation.

Second, foolish talking. This is the talking that will have many idle words to answer for at the day of judgment. The thought here of foolish talking seems to imply senseless, frivolous talk, the kind that never educates (only to evil), the kind that never inspires. Our

Giving Thanks to God for All Things

By REV. H. D. WILLIAMS, State Overseer, Alabama

talk should be full of reason and purpose, and bright with happy suggestions.

Third, jestings. The apostle does not condemn the pleasantries which lends such a grace and joy to conversations; but the light, the chaffy, which is suggestive of shady practices.

The words "thank you" are everyday expressions from man to man. When you pay for the gasoline that goes into your car, the station attendant says, "Thank you, come again." After paying for your groceries, the clerk says, "Come again." You reply with "Thank you." But the Christian has so many more things to be thankful for, and I think it would be good if we should start each day off with that beautiful chorus "Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul; thank you, Lord, for making me whole; thank you, Lord, for giving to me thy great salvation so full and free."

We are to give thanks "to God, even the Father." When the human family was so weakened by sin, and man's hopes were blighted and blasted, Christ died for the ungodly; therefore, we ought to thank God for deliverance through His Son. "Deliverance." My, what a word! Christ came to offer deliverance to the whole world. Hundreds of dollars were spent to deliver one child from an uncovered well. Millions of dollars and lives have been given to spread the good news of deliverance through the blessed name of Jesus. Even now the free peoples of the world are preparing to protect their liberties and to free millions of souls who are enslaved by the power of communism.

We should thank God for America, the home of the brave, the land of the free, where you are privileged to go

and come at your own pleasure. Thank God for America, her prosperous cities, growing communities, rolling lands, and lakes and rivers. All these testify that there is a God somewhere. Praise His name!

We should thank God for the church. Before I invested a dollar in the kingdom work of my Lord, the church brought me the message of deliverance. The church has a great message. The church has a great vision. The church has a great program, winning souls to Christ and helping humanity with life's problems.

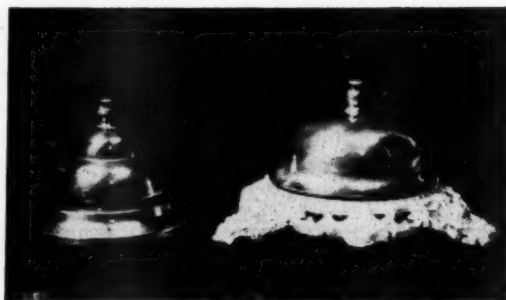
I thank God that I am privileged to have a part in the Church's mission program. We now have forty-two families, representing sixty-six missionaries, serving the Lord through the Church of God in twenty-eight countries and islands. Thank God for the Church's program in caring for homeless children. We now have three orphanages, caring for about two hundred and eighty-five children. I thank God for every department of the Church, for every minister, member, and friend. I thank God for Lee College; for what it is doing for hundreds of young men and women, and what they will do for the Church in the future.

Then, we should thank God for our homes. My parents were poor, humble, tenant farmers. The house was small and never comfortable. The furniture was not so fine. The food was not always plentiful. But the environment was Christian. To this home three other children were born. Though the parents were soon called to their heavenly home, the children are still living and are witnesses that early Christian training helps to mold a life for Christ, and always brings precious memories of childhood days.

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It Is Good to Give Thanks

By IRENE WALES

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High," Psalm 92:1.

Could anyone who knows there is a God refrain from giving Him thanks for His many, many blessings to us? Especially should those who live in this wonderful country, this land of plenty, which we call the United States of America, render heartfelt thanks to Him, not only on our annual Thanksgiving Day, but every day throughout the year.

Oh yes, we are prone, at times, to think that our lot is a hard one, that the world, perhaps, hasn't treated us just right, that others enjoy so many more blessings than we do; but, after all, if we should only stop and try to count our blessings, and sum up the goodness of God to us, I am sure we should find that our blessings outweigh our sadnesses, discomforts, misfortunes, etc. It makes no difference who you are or where you live, there is always plenty for which to be thankful.

Christ Himself set us an example of thanksgiving. First, He upbraided the unthankful cities that had been privileged to witness most of His mighty works and to hear His wonderful teaching. Then, He praised His Father and said, "I thank you for your wisdom in revealing the gospel to the simple." Aren't you thankful today that the glorious gospel truths are revealed to the simple and lowly people of the earth! Thank God that it is not the high and the mighty only who may have the gospel; but He came to the poor and humble, and whosoever will may come and accept freely. Yes, we should lift our eyes, our hearts, and our hands toward heaven today and thank God over and over for this most blessed of all privileges and blessings—the privilege of serving and trusting Him.

Wherever we read in the Bible of Christ breaking bread, we find where He lifted up His eyes and gave thanks to His heavenly Father. No doubt, many subconsciously think that what they have has been earned, and they never remember that the food and other necessary things of life, to say nothing of the luxuries and extra things enjoyed, are blessings from the bountiful hand of God. Maybe we do work for our livelihood, or maybe some well-to-do relative has left us comfortably situated, but anything we rightfully and legally enjoy is a blessing from the loving hand of God. The unjust as well as the just have food and raiment because of God's care for us. He gives us strength to carry on; He sends the rain and the sunshine, without which nothing could grow or survive; He sends the various seasons of the year, and furnishes the very air we breathe. Who can say that we do not have a loving, heavenly Father

who watches over us day by day! In His great plan of creating the world and every living thing, He made the necessary provisions for all of us.

We are told in Psalm 50:14 to "offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High." Then, the very next verse says, "And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." He is certainly worthy of all the praise and thanksgiving we can give Him. Words fail us in giving praise to His wonderful name. And to think that in the day of trouble we can call upon Him, and He has promised and will deliver us! This has been proved thousands of times. No one can truthfully say God has ever failed to keep one promise. If we are just as faithful in paying our vows to Him as He is in keeping His promises to us, we have nothing to worry about.

It is a good thing to know that no matter what comes or goes; no matter what yesterday was, today is, or tomorrow may bring, we can rest assured, we can be perfectly confident that God will be with us to do just what He has promised. In war-torn Korea, in the darkest regions of India, in Africa, yes, in the mountains, valleys, and large cities of our own good land of liberty, home of the brave and religious freedom, God's great eye is watching; His great ear is bending low; and His strong arms are underneath and upholding those who call upon Him.

And don't forget, God is not unmindful of our gratitude. He knows when we are thankful and when we are unthankful. If circumstances are such that we cannot utter audible words of thanks, He can see when our hearts are welling up with praise and thanksgiving. Oh, glory to His name! I thank Him today that I know Him, that I know Jesus as my personal Saviour and the Friend on whom I can always depend. How thankful I am that Jesus loved us so much that He came to this sin-benighted world and gave His life to redeem us. I know that we are thankful that we do not have to offer sacrifices over and over for our sins. Hebrews, the 10th chapter, tells us that the law could never with those sacrifices; that is, of bulls, goats, etc., which were offered year by year continually, make the comers there unto perfect, but in those sacrifices there was a remembrance again made of sins every year. He took away the first that He might establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus once for all. By one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us. The only way sins will be remembered against us, after we have accepted the Sacrifice and had our hearts cleansed, is for us to go back and



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commit other sins. Thank God for the "new and living way!"

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you," 2 Thess. 5:16-18.

I am reminded of a blessed sermon which I heard only a few nights ago. I don't remember that the minister ever announced a subject, but he preached on praising and thanking God. It was not a Thanksgiving sermon, but we needed more victory in our revival, and, thank God, the message brought forth praises from the entire congregation. God came down and our hearts were blessed as we thanked and praised Him again and again. The man of God said, "When you have done everything else you know to do and still have not attained the desired victory, try praising God, try thanking Him, and leave it all in His hands, and see if He does not give the victory." Instance after instance was brought to our minds of how God worked wondrous things when, after all other conditions were met, praise and thanksgiving were offered unto Him.

When one begins to think of all the blessings of life—the love of friends and loved ones, the wonderful love of God and His blessed Son Jesus, the temporal things which we enjoy, the plan of salvation, and the home that is prepared on the shores of sweet deliverance for those who accept and live for Him—one's heart fills and overflows with praise. It is not hard to praise and thank God.

The illustration our evangelist, Brother W. E. Tull, used so impressed me that I wish to pass it on to you. He said that a man had gone abroad and obtained singing birds of all species. He was bringing back a shipload of them. Out in the ocean the ship encountered a terrible storm. Those on board became frantic, thinking that every wave would be the one that would swallow them up. But right when the storm was at its worst, those birds all began to sing and fill the ship with their sweet melodies. They sang and sang and so fascinated the

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Things for Which to Be Thankful

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Text: Psa. 103:2, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

As nature begins to decorate the hills and valleys with the beautiful colors of autumn, we are reminded that harvest time is here. Thinking of harvest time, our minds travel hurriedly backward through the years to the time our Pilgrim Fathers landed on the frozen beaches of the New England shores. They were faced with an immense wilderness punctuated with the wild war cries of savage men; but with strong hands, sharp axes, courageous hearts, and trusting souls, they carved from that wilderness this civilization we are now enjoying, and when they had endured the freezing winds of their first winter and the toils of their first spring and summer, they rejoiced to see God's blessings on the labor of their hands. So thankful were they that they proclaimed a day of thanksgiving, at which time they feasted on the good things God had provided, and gave thanks unto His great name. And it is only fitting and proper that at this time we remember to stop, think, and give thanks to God. The Psalmist seemed to be possessed with the true spirit of thanksgiving when he cried out in the above mentioned text, and said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Neither time nor space would permit us to make an itemized list of all God's benefits, for they are far too numerous to mention, and for each and every one of them we should be profoundly thankful. However, it will do no violence to the written Word, nor tradition, to pick out from among God's multitudes of benefits those for which we can be most thankful, and think on them.

The Benefit of Being an American Citizen

While a vast part of this world in which we live is a mass of smouldering ruins, cities having been smashed to the ground under the terrific pounding of exploding bombs, those of us who are privileged to live in the great United States of America rejoice that our towns and cities still stand unscarred by the ravages of war—for this let us ever be thankful. Just beyond our doors lie the barren fields of our neighbors that were once productive but today lie in waste, strewn with wreckage and soaked in the blood of dying men. But here in America our vineyards are hanging heavy with fruit and our fields are waving with ripening grain. Let us pause to say, "Father, we thank Thee." While starvation stalks through many countries like a beast of prey, and hundreds are dying for want of food and clothing, we, in America, are well fed and comfortably clothed.

A great part of our world today is draped by an invisible wall called "The

Iron Curtain." Behind that wall freedom of speech, freedom of press, and freedom of religion are only fond memories of a distant past, and many who have taken their stand for God and freedom have been put to death by means too horrible to mention. Instead of hearing the sweet chimes of liberty bells, they hear only the conquering tread of heartless, God-hating dictators. Instead of sitting in the quiet bliss of a Sunday-morning church service, many are suffering the indescribable misery of slave prison camps. Instead of hearing the pleasing voice of a consecrated minister proclaiming the gospel of love and freedom, they hear only the cruel commands of a slave driver. But we who are privileged to live under the Stars and Stripes can still shout hallelujah



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for freedom of press, speech, and religion.

The benefit of a heavenly Father, added to the benefit of being an American citizen, is the blessed privilege of a high, holy, and all-wise heavenly Father. The very thought of God and His goodness caused the great man David to cry out of his heart with thanksgiving, and say, "How precious are thy thoughts to me, O God," Psa. 139: 17. The very sense of loneliness is always saddening, but in such an hour it is always consoling to know we have at least one true friend who is remembering us. It is even more consoling to feel that you are being thought of with loving interest by a goodly number of friends; yet, what are either of these assurances to the one supreme consciousness that God remembers and that we share in His great and eternal plan? Oh, the joy of knowing God thinks

of me and that His thoughts are personal thoughts, not just an indefinite part of some great multitude, but, as the Psalmist has said, "The Lord thinketh upon thee." A most precious benefit! And let us ever be thankful. If one who is so great and so holy is pleased to think on us and retain in His thoughts continually such insignificant individuals as we are, we ought gladly to think on Him with thanksgiving and praises.

Let us think for a moment of how powerful are the thoughts of God. He had only to think, and this world in which we live became a mysterious reality swinging out in space. He had only to think, and the heavens were filled with glittering, gleaming stars, and we see them every night as they peer out of the heavens, keeping a constant vigil over the whole earth. He had only to think, and the blazing sun with its beautiful rays took its place in the heavens as a mighty ruler would mount his throne. He had only to think, and the gleaming face of a silvery moon came smiling down from among stars as a mighty master of the night. He had only to think, and the red dust of the ground formed itself into a human body, into which God breathed, and that cold, lifeless mound of clay became a living soul, and God called him Adam. And God, in His infinite wisdom, saved a time in the distant future when man, the man He had made, would, through transgression, fall, and then and there, in the eternal thoughts of God, the great plan of redemption that should afterwards be consummated by the death, burial and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, became a reality in the very heart and soul of God. Let us pause again to say, "Father, we thank Thee for the precious benefits of a loving heavenly Father."

The Benefit of Jesus Christ, the Saviour

At long last, when the voice of a prophet had not been for so long, and the throbbing hearts of a lost world were smarting under the yoke of bondage, an angelic host visited a group of humble shepherd boys and joyfully announced that "unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." Out of the catalog of all God's benefits, not one is so great as this—a loving Christ to die for me that God's redemptive plan might work effectually in my life. The great apostle Peter's mind seemed to be running in this direction when his soul literally erupted in a fiery lava of gratitude, and he exclaimed, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Peter 1:3.

We must ever remain thankful because it is through faith in His blood that we are justified and stand acquitted before the bar of eternal justice. It is through Him we have access to the throne of grace. It is through His

sacrificial offering that we are sanctified, and a life of holiness becomes a reality. It is through Him we overcome evil; through Him the power of passions and pride are subdued, and we are made the victors. He is the Water of Life for earth's thirsty, and the Bread of Life for earth's hungry. He is Heaven's Strength for earth's weakness. He is the Divine Healer for all of earth's ills. In Him the poverty-stricken of all the earth become heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ Himself.

The Benefit of the Holy Spirit

Out of God's great catalog of benefits, I have chosen the Holy Spirit as one of those for which I am most thankful. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to reveal to us the Christ mentioned earlier in this message. It is He who convicts us of our sins and brings us to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is He who quickens the life that is dead in trespasses and sin to a spiritual life in Christ Jesus. It is He who regenerates the heart and works the miracle of the new birth in the soul.

Not only does He reveal Christ and lead us to fountains of living water, but when we properly consecrate ourselves to God, He will come into our hearts and take up His abode and dwell with us. It was this experience they received on the day of Pentecost. They shouted; they spake with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. To be able to shout with joy and speak with other tongues as the

Spirit gives utterance are truly great privileges and should never be discounted in the least; but they are, by no means, the only benefits that go with this mighty Holy Ghost baptism. He is the Great Councilor of the heart and soul. He is the Master Teacher conveying to the heart the mighty truth of God's Word, His will, and His way. He is the sweet Companion in a world of loneliness. He's the trusted Guide through the wilderness of sin and the dark night of despair. It is He who convicts and converts the heart, comforts and keeps the soul.

The Benefit of Hope for the Future

The great apostle Paul, with all the victories he enjoyed, said, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." It was said of Abraham that "he looked for a city which hath foundation whose builder and maker is God." That great evangelist of the early Church, Simon Peter, said, "We are begotten again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"—each one in his own words expressing hope of eternal life throughout the eternal future. If the devil should be permitted to reach into the hearts of men and with one master stroke snatch from the bosom of every living individual this eternal hope, this world would be awakened before midnight with a wail that would dwarf the wailing of Egypt at the death of their first born into insignificance. But since God will never permit the devil that

power, we may find encouragement in every discouraging situation through the power of that one word "hope." The sick man on the bed of affliction today rejoices in the hope that he will be well tomorrow. The weak hopes to find strength for his weakness. The poverty-stricken hopes for the day when he will be financially secure; and all who trust fully in Jesus Christ hope for the day when, to use the language of the scripture, "Christ who is our life shall appear, and then shall we also appear with him in glory."

After Russia has enslaved millions after millions until she can enslave no more, and all the atom bombs that ever have or ever shall be manufactured have been exploded, and the hydrogen bomb leaves this world a seething mass of ruin, all who have been watched over by our heavenly Father, saved by faith in the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, and kept by His Spirit, expect to be basking in the sunlight of God's everlasting love on the shores of eternal deliverance in a world never touched by the ravages of war nor stained with the blood of innocent men. There the tears of a broken-hearted mother will never be seen, nor the groans of a disappointed soul ever heard. Undertakers will go out of business, and the grave digger's shovel will be laid away. Peace will abound like the waters that cover the sea, and holiness will be the most popular of all doctrines. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

A Thanksgiving Inventory

By REV. LEWIS J. WILLIS, NATIONAL YOUTH DIRECTOR

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?
Psalm 116:12.

INTRODUCTION: The clerks in Phillips' Super Store busied themselves in the task of the monthly inventory. Finally, LaVoyd Phillips, son of the genial store owner, groaned as he looked down the long rows of canned goods, and said, "Dad, really, why must we count every item in the store each month? All we have is here, isn't it?" The kindly proprietor and father walked slowly to his son and said, in a clear voice that carried the advice to every clerk, "LaVoyd, always remember that in any business you must inventory your goods to discover your profits."

The simple truth of this philosophy is of eternal value. Most often one's life contains much more than he thinks. Upon inventory, many who now feel they border on bankruptcy will discover that not only do they possess sufficient goods for operation but really have a backlog of undivided profits.

Thanksgiving Day is the time when, in the midst of drought and famine, we pause to count our blessings and balance our accounts; the day when we accept and acknowledge our benefits and then kiss the omnipotent hand that gave them; that day when we re-

mind ourselves of the "whence of things" and realize anew the divine significance of life and the great debt of love we owe.

I. Assets Are Accounted—"All his benefits toward me."

True Christian thanksgiving is based on a vital, personal relationship with God. It finds a persevering satisfying faith in the mercy, power, care, and guidance of Almighty God. It rises from the depths of gratitude of the dying man saved, gathers exquisite bouquets of praise from the sanctified heart, echoes in the shouts of the Spirit-filled soul, to lay itself down before God in a consecrated life.

David discovered that his very existence must be attributed to God. Psalm 116:3 reveals, "The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow." In verse 4, David finds the approach to help; he said, "Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul." In verses 1 and 2 he begins his inventory, "I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me..."

Assets may be found in: 1. Cash on hand. 2. Equipment for operation. 3. Merchandise for exchange. 4. Cash in

the bank. 5. Real estate owned.

A. Cash on Hand. Who and what we are is one of the magnificent gifts of God. Plato, the celebrated philosopher, who did not have the insight to spiritual things as we, was thankful for the following:

a. He was thankful he was created a man and not a beast.

b. He was thankful he was born a Grecian and not a barbarian.

c. He was thankful he was not only a Grecian, but also a philosopher.

How much greater are the attributes of the Christian! (1) We are created in God's own image. (2) We, though fallen, are redeemed through Calvary's cross. (3) Through Christ we possess a spiritual legacy of unspeakable treasure. We are sons of God, with all the rights of royalty.

B. Equipment for Operation. God has greatly blessed man with five glorious senses to perceive the world and bless it. He has given two seeing eyes that allow the freshness of dawn, the splendor of the sunset and the silver magnificence of moonlight to permeate the soul. He has given speech that oral expression may be ours to glorify and adore Him. Ours it is to hear the voice of our loved ones and to be enchanted by the song of nature as

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Holiness to the Lord, Exod. 28:36

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Be ye holy; for I am holy (1 Peter 1:16).

Holiness is not something that is confined to cloisters, convents, conferences and conventions. It is not something impracticable above the clouds in dreamy contemplation. It is not a thing merely for monastic meditation, friary fellowship, and finding response only in the heart of the recluse.

Man as *man*, not as priest, or prophet, or preacher, or hermit, or monk, or some unearthly creature, but man in his tripartite being, man in his working clothes as well as in his Sunday garb, is to be "*holiness to the Lord*."

The heaven-born purity is intensely practical and positively applicable in its grand comprehensiveness to every detail in the various realms of our being and behaviour.

It is to enter entirely into our moral constitution and to affect, in a blessedly effective manner, the material aspects of life. It is to extend to all the *habits*, to be established in the *home*, and to expand in an ever-enlarging heart.

Let us ponder the practical application of this preeminent evangelical perfection from different standpoints.

I. Holiness in the Realm of Attire

"And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, *Holiness to the Lord*. And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be" (Exod. 28:36, 37).

"Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place... he shall put on the holy linen coat... and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these are holy garments..." (Lev. 16:3, 4).

"*Holy Garments*." Let there be no unholy arguments regarding them in these days of horrible abbreviations, glaringly inglorious sights, and barefaced disgracefulness.

Avoid extremes either way. Let the *modest medium* be your motto. In any case, the consecration of clothes demands immediate and amending consideration.

The principles pertaining to our purity and the purity of others must be protected and propagated. Be properly appareled. Let "*holiness to the Lord*" be in or on all our habiliments.

II. Holiness in the Sphere of Business

"And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the Lord" (Isa. 23:18).

How do our *beliefs* affect our *business*? Is every counter consecrated to God? Sanctification should shine in every shop. How many sell their souls when selling their stuff?

Goodness is greater than goods; the soul is more valuable than silver; God is infinitely more than gold.

Holiness in business is honesty; truthful, trustworthy transparent transactions; correct weights and measures; pure and unadulterated products.

Where there is holiness the big strawberries will not all be on the top of the basket, and all the best things will not be in the window.

We need a revival of trade, in *quantity* and in *quality*. Let commerce have a conscience; let it be consecrated to God.

III. Holiness in Our Locomotion and Leisure

"In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, *HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD*" (Zech. 14:20).



For "bells" we have in the margin "bridles." We may combine the two thoughts, as bells were often put on the bridles of the horses in the East, especially war horses.

"Horses" speak of locomotion. We need holiness in our traffic. The "toll of the road" is terrible and tells a tragical tale. Wickedly reckless driving would cease if holiness controlled the speed. Accident may, nay, will happen to, and with, the most considerate and careful in the present state of the world. But more sanctification would considerably reduce the casualties.

Oh, that there might be "*Holiness to the Lord*" on every horse that runs beautifully, on every ship that glides gladly along, on every vehicle running quickly through our streets and over our roads, on every train that despises the distance as it speeds on its way, on all our airplanes that fly with such marvelous velocity.

Bells would suggest pleasure or leisure or recreation.

Holiness in the sphere of sport is certainly very necessary. The world is

sport-mad, almost. No doubt, there is a right sort of sport. There is a recreation which really re-creates, or renews, or refreshes after monotonous manual and mental labor. But it must have a sensible, subordinate place. With much of the recreation of today the Christian must have nothing to do. In these things our motto should be a sounder body as a sanctuary for a sanctified soul, nay, as a temple for God. At the best, do not forget that bodily exercises "profiteth little."

IV. Holiness in the Home

"Every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 14:21).

Sanctification must find a suitable sphere in the kitchen, dining room, bedroom, parlor. Some people have not far to go from the kitchen to the dining room, parlor, etc., unfortunately; but holiness works in the poorest homes and places them among the purest in the country.

Sanctification serves excellently in the scullery as a splendid "cleansel"; it cleanses all. It is a perfect "pan-shine" and "potshine." All kitchen utensils are the better for holiness. Not only will the vessels be clean, but what is put into them will be clean. And the food you have to prepare will be well cooked. Some of you blame the minister on Sunday morning for your dullness, when the real cause of your crossness may be bad cooking.

How do you know your servant is converted? "She sweeps under the carpet now." Don't forget that it goes under the bed, too!

In the realm of parental faithfulness in disciplining children and inculcating filial fidelity to parents, holiness is beautifully beneficial.

Hail! *all round holiness*. Consecrated clothes, commerce, conveyances, conveniences, cooking, cleaning up, comforts, companionship, etc. So comprehensive, so complete, so commendable!—*The Holiness Herald*.

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THANKSGIVING

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On this great and noble day we should give thanks for everything we have at our disposal. Too often we forget to thank God for what He has been to us in the past, what He is to us now, and what He will be to us in the future. I am confident that if we, who are in America, had to go through with what our boys have gone through in Korea, we would be more thankful for the blessed privilege of being here where we can worship our Lord and give thanks to Him for His kindness and the many blessings that come our way.

When just a young boy, I often heard my mother thank God for even the air she breathed. She gave thanks to Him for what He was doing for her. Those prayers have never been forgotten.

Personally, I thank my Saviour for saving and keeping me from sin. I am, indeed, grateful to Him for the blessed privilege of living, and the atmosphere that I have at my disposal. I can never realize how thankful I should be to have as the majority of my associates members of the Church of God. I am afraid we forget to thank God for even that privilege.

Thanksgiving is a day that should be kept more sacred than the most of us keep it. It is even known as a national holiday. We should always take time for prayer and consecration on this day. To those who do not know the Lord, I would suggest that you sit down this day, take inventory of your life, and make a decision that you will never regret. Maybe the reason I feel as I do about Thanksgiving is that I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost on this day. Naturally, since receiving Him that day, I am more grateful for Thanksgiving than the average person.

May we pause and give thanks to God!



Let us be Thankful HARVEST HOME

*Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, for ever purified,
In Thy presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.*

—Henry Alford, 1810-1871.

The People's Thanksgiving

*Not alone for mighty empire,
Stretching far o'er land and sea,
Not alone for bounteous harvests,
Lift we up our hearts to Thee:
Standing in the living present,
Memory and hope between,
Lord, we would with deep thanksgiving
Praise Thee more for things unseen.*

*Not for battleship and fortress,
Not for conquests of the sword,
But for conquests of the spirit
Give we thanks to Thee, O Lord;
For the heritage of freedom,
For the home, the church, the school,
For the open door to manhood
In a land the people rule.*

—William Pierson Merrill, 1867-.

*For the armies of the faithful,
Lives that passed and left no name;
For the glory that illumines
Patriot souls of deathless fame;
For the people's prophet-leaders,
Loyal to Thy living word—
For all heroes of the spirit,
Give we thanks to Thee, O Lord.*

*God of justice, save the people
From the war of race and creed,
From the strife of class and faction—
Make our nation free indeed;
Keep her faith in simple manhood
Strong as when her life began,
Till it finds its full fruition
In the brotherhood of man!*

A THANKSGIVING SONG

*We thankful are, O Lord, this day,
For light to guide us on our way;
We praise Thee for the warmth and
cheer,
Of sun and earth and those held
dear.*

*We praise Thy hand in everything,
The kindly thought, the birds that
sing;
For eyes that see, our praise we give,
For joy of work, the right to live.*

*We're grateful, Lord, for liberty,
Freedom to think and speak for
Thee;
May freedom's light o'er all the earth,
For all mankind soon have new
birth.*

*We thank Thee, Lord, for victory,
O'er tyrants cruel on land and sea;
The Stars and Stripes we see unfurled,
A sign of hope o'er all the world.*

*And as we now Thy praises sing,
Our gifts of love to Thee we bring;
Thy blessing on all men below,
In every land Thy peace bestow.*
—Elva Horsman.

PETITION OR THANKSGIVING

By REV. H. L. CHESSE,
GENERAL OVERSEER

*Psa. 92:1, 2. It is a good thing to
give thanks unto the Lord, and to
sing praises unto Thy name, O most
High: To shew forth thy lovingkind-
ness in the morning, and thy faithful-
ness every night.*

Of all God's creation that should acknowledge Him, the people in America should pay a tribute of thanksgiving. We have many petitions, but not so many thanksgivings. When we take time to count our blessings, both temporal and spiritual, we find they are so numerous, so great, so bountiful, so wonderful, so satisfying, so inspiring, so encouraging, so enrapturing, that we agree with the Psalmist it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. He redeemed us from the curse of sin, giving us happiness, peace, contentment, and about 33,000 promises pertaining to our well-being, directly or indirectly. Yet, we have many petitions. "Lord, give me, give me." In 2 Thess. 1:3, Paul said, "We are bound to thank God"; in Eph. 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things." In Psa. 95:2, we are told to come before his presence with thanksgiving; in Psa. 100:4, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving"; in Phil. 4:6, "With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Thanksgiving can be manifest in other ways besides audible words and sentences. Attitude can bespeak thanksgiving. Conduct can also portray thanksgiving. Our worship must be accompanied with thanksgivings. In our pleasures we may express our thanksgiving. Let us reflect upon the goodness of God, and bow down before Him in adoration and praise, because of His being mindful of us, in the past, present, and future, as is so plainly shown throughout His sayings.

Is it petition, or a tribute of thanks?

Foreign Missions

Every Creature
All the world—



J. H. WALKER, SR.
Executive Missions Secretary

THANKSGIVING DAY

This year many Americans approach Thanksgiving Day with mixed emotions. All are deeply grateful for the bountiful harvest and the blessed privilege of being Americans. On the other hand, we are increasingly conscious of the great problems confronting the nations of earth and the imperative need of a solution to our world problems, as we meditate with sincere gratitude for God's guidance through these dark, cloudy days.

Our Pilgrim Fathers' attitude toward life's problems in those earlier days was most encouraging, but through the years that profound respect for God has given way more and more to paganism, until today we face shameful humiliation, for, among the United Nations, America is classified as a pagan nation. This hurts, but truth, after all, has a way of asserting itself, many times to our own humiliation and sorrow.

The hopefulness on the part of multiplied millions, who, immediately after World War II, thought there would be such wonderful, peaceful agreeableness and brotherliness, seems only as a dream which will never come

true. Other millions of us know there is only one way; not dozens, only one way that peace will be brought to this earth, and that is when our Lord Jesus Christ returns to earth again, binds Satan for a thousand years, and sets up His millennial reign.

The minds of our worldly wise are confused; they can see now the terrible condition existing, so that it is a time to do our best in understanding the needs of the world, and do the best we can toward meeting that need for Jesus' sake.

With grateful hearts, let us thank God for every personal blessing He has given us, for our homes, loved ones, friends, health, strength, the love of God, the Holy Ghost, freedom of worship, freedom of speech, freedom from fear of man, and glorious liberty in worshipping the true God of heaven. Let us eat less than others may live. Let us be determined not to become discouraged, nor fail in our efforts to establish and maintain the peace, for that is what the Lord wants and will give when He comes. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord," Psalms 116:12, 13.—J. H. Walker.

THREE MONTHS IN HAITI

During our three months in Haiti, we have made thirty visits to different churches, most of which were for conventions. We have traveled many miles by car, jeep, horseback, and foot. We have spoken, sung, and testified in services, conducted business meetings, listened to the natives' problems, visited in their homes, eaten native food, and witnessed two baptismal services and a few weddings. Also, countless numbers have come to the mission home for help, advice, and counsel. To these we have listened and helped in every way we could. And last, but certainly not least, we have spent many hours studying the French language that we might become more efficient workers for the Lord.

Before we write to you again we hope to have the Bible School in operation to train native workers. The need for this school cannot be stressed too greatly. It is our only hope for the future of our church in Haiti. The work is growing fast and is spreading far into the distance, for which we thank God. It is impossible to send

enough trained workers from the homeland to meet the need. Therefore, we desire that you pray for our school that many young men and women of the Island may become workers for the Church of God in Haiti. Just this week, a dear lady came to the school where work was going on and said that she had heard that we were going to open a school. She wanted to know if her petit garcon (little boy) could come to our school. She said he had never had the opportunity of going to school. We had to explain to her that ours would be a Bible School for grown boys and girls. She had walked a long distance to enquire about the school of which she had heard. This is only an example of the many, many hundreds of children in Haiti who have never had the opportunity of an education. What a contrast to our fair America! and what a difference the gospel makes to a nation! You can see why we are busy workers for the Master. Jesus has told us to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

You can see from this something



of what your missionary dollars and prayers are accomplishing. The gospel is being sent into new fields; native workers are being supported; new churches and mission stations are being erected; orphan children are cared for and trained in the ways of the Church; and many other things are being done that space will not permit us to mention.

Please remember us and the work in your prayers; also, we should enjoy hearing from you.

Your missionaries in Haiti, Rev. and Mrs. Paul T. Nance, Misses Ruth Carmine and Odine Morse.

"DIVIDE TO ME MY GOODS"

They had quarrelled. This simple village couple, both unable to read, brought all their earthly goods to the missionary. "Divide these for us."

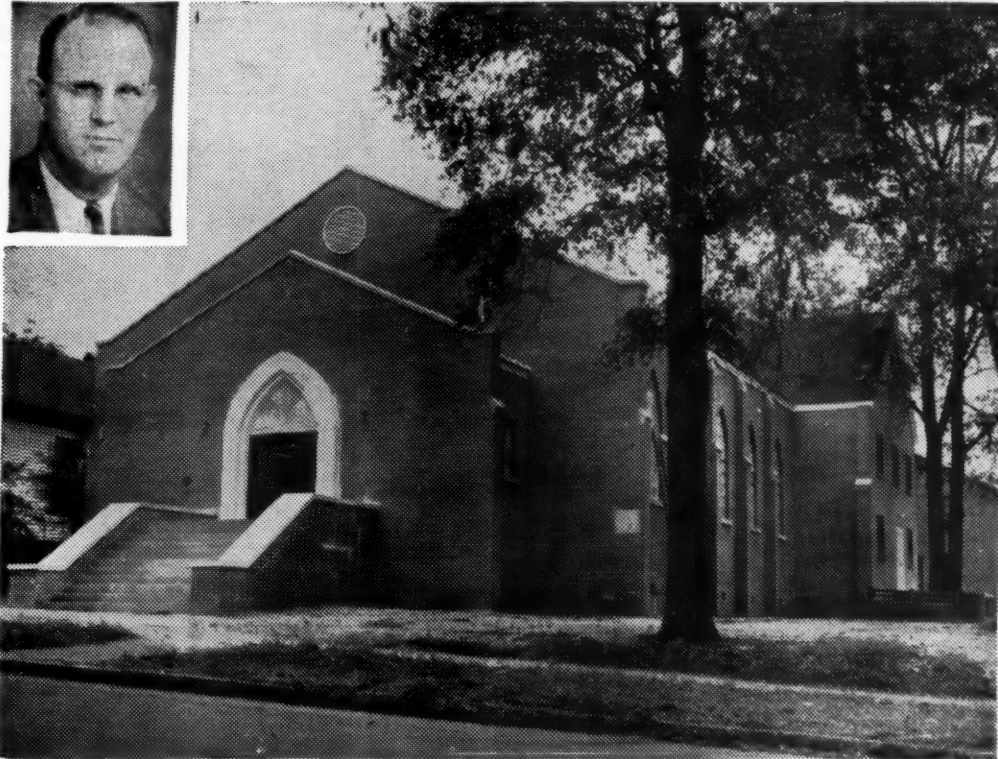
The bag of rice was weighed out, a pound for you, and a pound for me! The vegetables likewise, and even the spices and salt. Then out from the box came the marriage certificate. "Tear this in half, too, for we each must have a part!" The missionary smiled and promised to keep it safely and see to its division later. It was only a few days later when both came smiling—"Give us back the paper, we've poured everything together again!" "Behold how pleasant it is . . . to dwell together in unity!"—The Missionary Challenge.

BURDENS OR BROTHERS?

"Is that not a heavy burden?" I asked a boy of three, Who, as custom goes, astride his hip carried a baby wee. He turned surprised and drew him closer, As tender as a mother. "A burden, Sir? he answered me, "Oh, no, this is my brother!" I passed along and pondered oft upon this chance of mine, And thought—our burdens borne in love Would prove but gifts divine!

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

MONTGOMERY, ALA., HAS A NEW CHURCH



The building was dedicated Sunday, September 17. Rev. H. L. Chesser, our General Overseer, preached the dedicatory sermon, and I believe it was the best I have ever heard. Brothers Lewis Willis, National Youth Director; E. W. Williams, state overseer of Alabama; and W. E. Dowdy, state overseer of Kansas, were among our visitors on this our great day. Former pastors, who kept this vision alive and aided in the final accomplishment, were, first, Brother W. E. Dowdy, who came to Montgomery when there was very little in the way of a church, just a few faithful members struggling along trying to keep the work alive. During his stay here the church experienced a wonderful revival and was put on a good, sound footing, both materially and spiritually. Thus, was born the first plans to build a nice church. Next came Brother Martin Baldree, now laboring in Tennessee. I am informed that he gave the first fifty dollars in the building fund; also, he kept it alive and left some four thousand dollars in the fund. Brother M. D. Harwood followed and purchased a nice location for the church, built a nice parsonage, and otherwise aided in the progress of the work. Brother Harwood was succeeded by me in 1948 (picture in insert in left-hand corner). During the past two years we have paid off all the old indebtedness and by faith started the new church building. It has been a work of faith from the very beginning. When I came here,

there was a note of \$3,500 due against the property. This, plus the interest and other small debts that were owed, amounted to approximately \$5,000, according to the clerk's records, which had to be paid off before we could do the first thing. But the church got under this load and paid it off in about six months. Then, starting with a borrowed ninety dollars, the building program was on. We were not alone; God was working for us in all we did. A businessman came by the parsonage one day and, without being asked, offered to help us secure a loan to build. He contacted a Jewish merchant here in the city who was perfectly willing to lend the money we desired, and it has been just like that all the way—when we had a need, whether for money or material, God has supplied our need, and now we have this beautiful church completed, which is estimated at a value of \$65,000. The building is 48 by 52 feet, and the vestibule, size 8 by 32 feet, is added to this. The inside length of the auditorium is lengthened by the choir loft extending 12 feet into the annex at the rear. This actually makes the auditorium 64 feet long. Across the rear of the auditorium is the Sunday School building, which is two stories high, 30 by 64 feet long. This building houses the ladies' and men's lounges and the Sunday School rooms. The floors of both buildings are hardwood; the building is gas heated, and all window and door frames are of steel. The auditorium windows are

Gothic in design and are over 5 feet wide and 10 feet high, with opal colored cathedral glass. The overall length of the building from front door to rear wall is approximately 100 feet. The pews were purchased by the L. W. W. B. The grand piano was presented by the local Y. P. E. A group of members got together and carpeted the aisles at a cost of \$250.—E. W. Wilson, Pastor.

REPORT

MARKED TREE, Ark.—We started the Assembly year with a new pastor, Rev. S. B. McCane. Brother McCane was received with a welcome. Immediately, Brother McCane proposed a week's get-acquainted revival, and through his inspiring preaching and his family's music and singing, it was a glorious success. There were 5 saved, 2 sanctified, and 5 baptized in water. Brother McCane shows a cooperative and working spirit. Already our Sunday School has increased from 138 to 167, in three weeks. The Marked Tree Church expects to win several of the state and district banners this year. The church wishes to say that we are highly favored to have Brother McCane as our pastor, along with his family, and we do appreciate them very much. They take an active part in Sunday School, Y. P. E., and any—
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REVIVALS

McCOLL, S. C.—We have just closed a 2 weeks' revival, with our pastor, Brother W. M. Morrow, doing the preaching. There were 10 saved, 5 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 6 added to the church. We had one of the most spiritual Communion services we've ever witnessed, with 42 taking part. We give the Lord the praise and thank Him for it all.—C. E. Townsend, Reporter.

CLOVER, S. C.—We have just closed the greatest revival in the history of the church here at Clover. The meeting was conducted by Rev. Foy Mercer and Rev. David B. McKinnish, of Gastonia, N. C., two young preachers just starting in the work of the Lord. There were 34 saved, 12 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, 5 baptized in water, and 6 added to the church.—Ben T. Sprouse, Pastor.

HAZELWOOD, N. C.—We have closed a Holy Ghost revival here, with Rev. Anna Jones doing the preaching. Rev. Harold Cato is the pastor. We had a home-coming Sunday, October 22, and the Sunday School attendance was 206; our average attendance was 170. Pray for us here.—Lawrence W. Carver.

MOUNTAIN CITY, Ga.—We praise God for a 4 weeks' revival, with Rev. John Henry Cobb as the evangelist. There were 14 saved, 9 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 added to the church, 7 baptized in water, many others blessed, and some reclaimed. We were happy to have Rev. H. R. Appling with us some. God surely did bless, and several people were healed. The Word of God was preached in its fullness, with the anointing of the Holy Ghost. We had an all-day service during the revival, and God surely did bless. We thank God for our new pastor, Rev. Clyde Burton. Our church is going forward for God, and the people are enjoying good unity and love, and are working together for God. If you need an evangelist that will be a blessing to your church, I would advise you to contact Brother John Henry Cobb, Toccoa, Ga.—Rosa Mae Eller, Clerk.

BELTON, Ky.—We have just closed a great tent revival, with Evangelist G. R. Morris and wife. The gospel was preached in the old-time way, and the large tent would not hold the crowds. Everyone, saint and sinner, seemed to enjoy Brother and Sister Morris' old-time Holy Ghost preaching, music and singing. Several found the Lord, and many were healed. A young man who had not walked in 13 years was made to walk by the mighty power of God. A church was set in order with 22 members. Pray for the work here.—Russell Holman, Pastor.

ing. Two were saved, 2 sanctified, 1 filled with the Holy Ghost, 8 added to the church, and 10 baptized in water. There have been 12 members added to the new church at Sidney since the Assembly. Our Sunday School and Y.P.E. are steadily growing, having broken all records. When we started the basement for our church, some said we would never get in it. Now that we are in it, they say we won't get out. A year ago there were 3 active members, now we have 19. This revival was closed with Communion and feet washing, which was a glorious service. Sinners were made to feel the sweet presence and love of God as it flowed from heart to heart. We thank the Lord for our pastor, Sister Mary Wilson, who is so interested in seeing the church grow.—Mrs. A. C. Rice, Clerk.

BRUNSWICK, Ga.—We had a wonderful revival here in Brunswick, with Rev. W. L. Patterson, of La Grange, Ga., doing the preaching. Twelve were

saved, 6 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. The healing services on Friday nights were some of the best services we had. One man who had a stroke walked. Any church would be fortunate in getting Brother Patterson for a revival. He is a great man of God.—Mary Dedge, Pastor.

ROCKMART, Ga.—We have just closed a very successful revival, with 12 saved, 6 sanctified, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord has been blessing in a wonderful way, and the people are becoming more interested. The pastor, Lewis Stover, Jr., was the evangelist in this meeting. We are expecting great things of the Lord in the future and desire your prayers.—Lewis Stover, Jr., Pastor.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—We have just closed an 8 weeks' revival in our new church in Jacksonville Heights. Brother Nattie Harris, of Maxville, Fla., was our evangelist. We had a wonderful time, and the Lord surely did bless. Many souls were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and some were added to the church.—Mrs. E. V. Brock.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him," Psalm 34:8.

I praise my Saviour who is able to heal the body as well as the soul. I am glad for the day when the Lord saved me and filled me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues according to Acts 2:4, also for the faith I received for divine healing. Since I was born again my faith in divine healing has grown daily, and in corroboration to my statement I want to testify how the Lord has miraculously healed me when I was expecting death, now and then.

While we were in Jerusalem I suddenly fell ill. I was unable to retain any kind of food, and my pains and sufferings were almost unbearable. The neighbors who visited me perceived the danger I was in and insisted upon my husband calling for the doctor immediately. They certainly did not believe I would live any longer. Since it was a responsibility, and because of the neighbors insisting that we get the doctor lest I die, though I believe in divine healing, I asked my husband, submissively, to call for a neighboring doctor. The doctor prescribed some medicine which I should take immediately, and if it did not improve my condition an operation was necessary for me. I was in bed for ten days; my pains were increasing, and I could not sleep an hour. At those critical moments Satan came to tempt me. It was at 11 p.m. My husband was fast asleep, but I called him and told him to cry out in prayer for the Lord to deliver me from those indescribable pains which attacked me. He knelt down beside my bed and prayed with faith, and immediately I received a real touch from the Lord. At the same hour I

was suffering the Lord spoke to a brother to rise from his bed and come to pray for me. Twice the Lord spoke to him, but he refused to come.

After my husband was certain that the Lord had touched me, he went to sleep again. Suddenly, there came in the room a very strong, bright light like that of the sun, and rested upon my bed, and rays of light moved upon my stomach where the pains were. At first I thought the house was on fire because we had no big light, only a very small dim light kept for the children's sake. In the midst of that dazzling light there was a person speaking to me, saying, "Testify of what I am doing for you," and I was answering Him, "Yes, Lord, I will testify of thy work." Surely, it was an operation performed on me by the Lord; it continued for a quarter of an hour. After the Lord was through with me I found that all the pain and suffering was gone. All of us knew that the Lord had performed a real miracle. I went to bed and had real sleep until late in the morning. That was the first time I had had a real good sleep since my illness. When I arose in the morning I washed and dressed as usual and went to the neighbors to testify to them of what the Lord had done for me. I spent that day in going from neighbor to neighbor testifying to them of the power of God, and surely that brought real faith in their hearts and was a blessing to me. This is only one case of many cases of healing I have experienced myself and which I have seen or witnessed in others.

I pray that the Lord will open our eyes to see our need for this gift of healing which is promised to believers for their benefit to glorify God in this sin-and-sickness-stricken world.—Mrs. N. H. Suleiman, Bethlehem, Palestine.

A THANKSGIVING INVENTORY

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the birds sing, the brook warbles, and the ocean roars. To us have come *smell and touch* that we may know the gentleness of a caress, the aroma of good food, and the perfume of the flowers. We have very wonderful equipment, indeed!

C. Merchandise for Exchange. Life has been given each of us to exchange for an eternity of good or bad. Our talents are given us to be invested. They shall return us a blessing or a curse, according to the investment. Yes, we have adequate merchandise for a thriving business.

D. Cash in the Bank. Above thirty thousand promises are placed to our deposit. There is a promise sufficient for the blackest day of disaster and the brightest day of triumph. Our account is sufficient to withstand ugly depressions and adequate to supply for the surging boom.

E. Real Estate Owned. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also," John 14:1-3. Oh yes, "We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens..." 2 Cor. 5:1.

When we do stop a moment to inventory our assets, we must, indeed, marvel at the benevolence of God. Surely, our heart must praise the God whose heavens declare His glory and whose firmament sheweth His handiwork. Thanks to God, "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with a span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance." Isa. 40:12.

II. Account Reconciled.—"What shall I render unto the Lord?" While we have become geniuses in accumulating goods to ourselves, too often we have become bankrupt in gratitude to God.

It is said that after Edward Spencer had saved seventeen lives from drowning when the boat was wrecked by a storm, he exhaustedly inquired, "Have I done my best?" R. A. Torrey, years later, was telling the story in Los Angeles when someone announced that Edward Spencer was in the audience. The white-haired man was brought to the platform.

Dr. Torrey asked, "Does anything particular stand out in your mind about the rescue?" The old man answered, "Only that not one of the seventeen ever expressed gratitude."

It is a sorry sight to behold one saved by grace who is forever lamenting his condition. It is vicious and wicked to shout at the time of blessing and then pout when tests arrive. Oh, that men would stand and behold Calvary until the price of their rec-

onciliation would forever be a challenge to their hearts. "And having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled," Col. 1:20, 21. He balances our account.

Perhaps the greatest praise that could possibly be made to Christ this Thanksgiving is not through words at all, but rather a life so filled with Christlike deeds that it speaks a testimony of love and praise to the Redeemer.

The greatest tribute that could possibly be made Christ is illustrated by the blind Chinaman who came to the missionaries asking if they might help him by restoring his sight. A missionary doctor operated, removing cataracts from his eyes. He went back to his home seeing and rejoicing. In a few weeks he returned to the hospital. This time he was holding the end of a rope to which forty blind people were clinging. He had led them to the place where he had received his sight that they, also, might be enabled to see. This is thanksgiving in action.

IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS

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people that the raging storm was unheard and forgotten. Providence took care of the ship, and soon the storm calmed.

Now if the singing of praises and thanksgiving to God by little birds can comfort hearts and minds in the time of storm, how much can we be comforted and blessed and God be pleased with the singing of praise and thanksgiving by us who are made after His own image, the highest of His creation? Thanksgiving Day is not the only time to give thanks unto the Lord, but it is a good time to make up our minds that from now on we will praise and thank Him more and more, for it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises to His name.

OBITUARY

PAYNE

Mary Ellen Payne, wife of the Reverend T. S. Payne, entered this life on the 15th day of October, 1881, and fell asleep in Christ on the 24th day of August, 1950.

She was a minister's ideal companion. While he was away from home doing pioneer work, she willingly bore the hardships of carrying on alone. She not only performed the duties belonging to a good mother, but also remembered that her companion needed her help by way of prayer and encouragement.

Her quiet and unassuming disposition was of help to many. Her humble life truly reflected the spirit of Him who loved her and washed her in His own blood.

In her passing, the husband lost a true and devoted wife, the children a mother who had their interest at heart, and the Church a loyal member.

Her body was laid to rest in Port Hill Cemetery, Cleveland, Tennessee, from whence she will arise at the return of the Lord.

The Reverend H. D. Williams, her pastor, officiated, assisted by the Reverend E. J. Boehmer.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

God to heal my sister; my mother to be healed of ruptured stomach.—Ethel L. Preston, Asheville, N. C.

The healing of my body; me to be drawn closer to God.—Mrs. Blanche Hayes, West Salem, Ill.

God to heal my son and me.—A sister, Newport, N. C.

A loved one in the Marines to be saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost; me.—Ann Timms, Resaca, Ga.

My brother who is in the Army hospital to be sent home; his soul.—Estelle Stephens, Sweetwater, Tenn.

My husband to be healed of a head trouble; me to be healed of bad nerves and a head trouble; my little girl to be healed of a cold.—Mrs. Horace L. Patterson, Plantersville, Ala.

My husband to be saved; my sister who needs God in her home; my father to seek a deeper experience with God.—Mrs. Bob Duvall, Henning, Tenn.

My son who is in the Army; my home.—Mrs. Gertrude Palmer, Hardy, Va.

The healing of my body; a church to be started here.—Mae Berry, Kincaid, W. Va.

My little grandson.—Mrs. Handy Brantley, Bailey, N. C.

My mother to be healed.—C. M. Ashley, Arrington, Va.

God to heal my mother.—Mrs. Roy Anderson, Kendrick, Fla.

My brother to be delivered from drink; my son and daughter-in-law; my husband.—A sister.

The complete healing of my body; my children.—Lydia H. Workman, Lovely, Ky.

My husband and me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Velma Courtney, Raleigh, Tenn.

The Lord to deliver my daddy and husband from the drink habit and supply their needs; my mother and me.—Mrs. A. C. Wallace, Doyle, Tenn.

Me to be healed of T.B.; me to have more faith; my family.—Mrs. Pauline Holloway, Carrollton, Ga.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure and a nervous condition and to get closer to the Lord.—Mrs. John A. Hollis, Haynes, Ark.

My brother-in-law who has T.B.; the healing of my body; my unsaved sisters and loved ones.—A youth for Christ, Draper, N. C.

The healing of my body; God to open up a way for me to get work in a mill somewhere.—A sister, Draper, N. C.

The healing of my body; my son and his wife to be back together soon; my mother to be healed.—Effie Vise, Heflin, Ala.

My nephew to be healed.—Mrs. Enoch Jamison, Sylva, N. C.

My dad who says the power and the Spirit of God have left him, though he seems to be under convicting power. He says he is going to kill himself to rid himself of this.—Mrs. Curtis Teague, Detroit, Mich.

A young man who is ruining his life and home by drinking.—Mrs. Ora Adkison, Bessemer, Ala.



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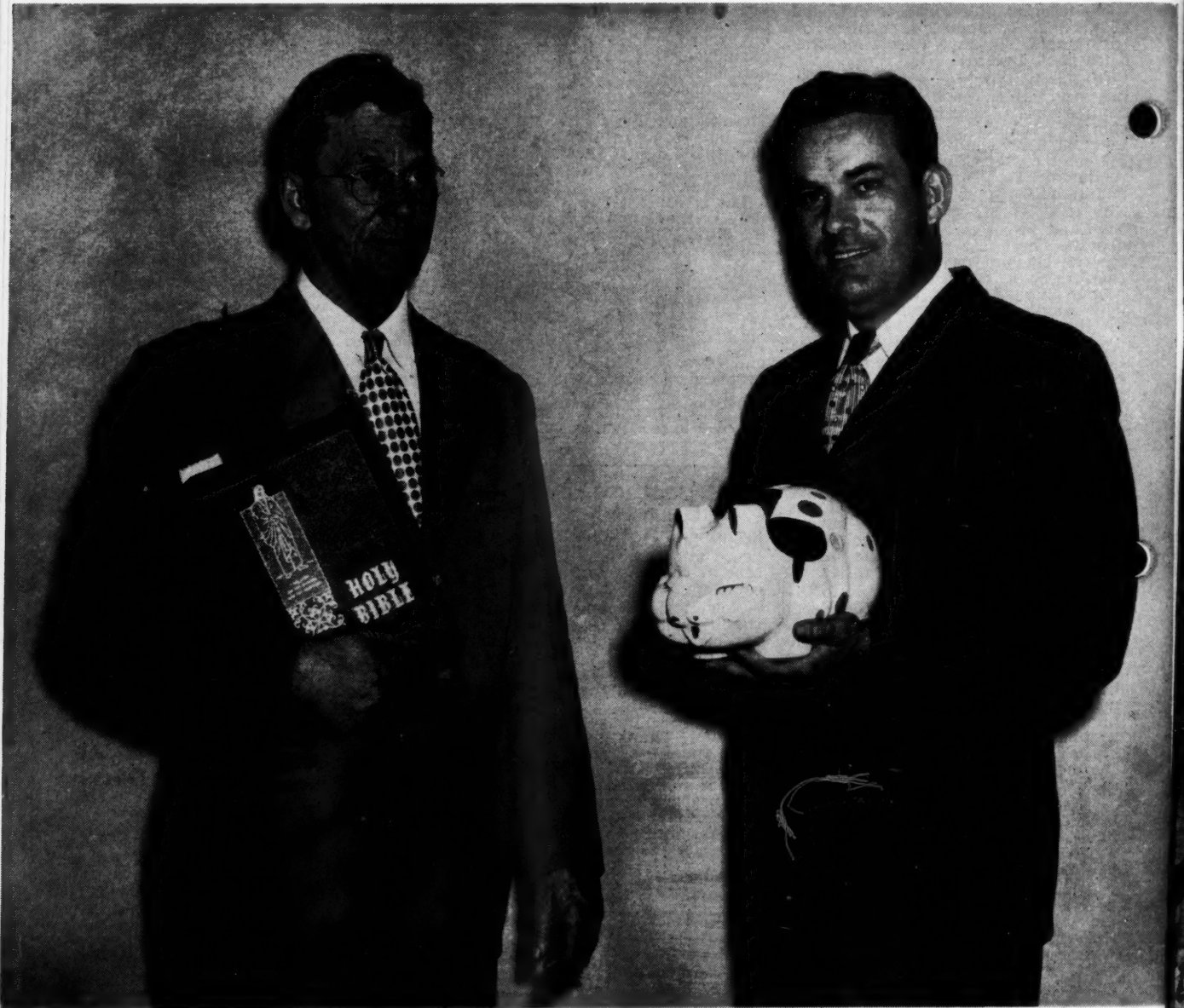
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